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Introduced by Senator Figueroa

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Senate Resolution No. 34—Relative to Pain Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, More than 75 million Americans live with  
2 chronic pain caused by various diseases or disorders, and each  
3 year, nearly 25 million Americans suffer with acute pain; and  
4 WHEREAS, Though medical knowledge and technology exist  
5 to relieve or greatly ease pain, most pain is untreated, under  
6 treated, or improperly treated, and many health care professionals  
7 are still unaware of how to effectively treat pain; and  
8 WHEREAS, People who suffer from chronic pain are often  
9 stigmatized and marginalized and are often not informed about  
10 the right to effective pain assessment and management, and most  
11 people with pain, including those at the end of life, get little or no  
12 relief; and  
13 WHEREAS, The California-based Partners for Understanding  
14 Pain is a growing coalition of pain sufferers, physicians, nurses,  
15 social workers, pharmacists, therapists, civic leaders, nonprofit  
16 organizations, and health care businesses whose mission is to  
17 improve the quality of life for people in California experiencing  
18 pain; and  
19 WHEREAS, It is the collective mission of this movement to  
20 provide practical information for people with pain, inform health  
21 care professionals about pain management, and serve as an  
22 advocate for people experiencing pain; now, therefore, be it  
23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the  
24 Senate recognizes the month of September 2006 as Pain  
25 Awareness Month, and calls upon all Californians to observe this  
26 month by participating in appropriate ceremonies and activities

- 1 and by learning how to improve the quality of life for people in
- 2 California suffering from pain; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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